

PARK & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15th Street, Rushville. President David Hasecuster called the meeting to order. Members present were Wilma Jo Kile, Tim Shuppert, Jan Voiles, Jack Harmon and Denny Corn. Also present were Parks Director Danny Mathews, Mayor Bob Bridges, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Attorney Julie Newhouse, Elizabeth Gist, Rushville Republican, Clerk-Treasurer Ann Copley, Theresa Hutslar, Ruby Welter and Terry Kuhn with T-Ball and Floyd Cole of Cole Door and Windows.

Minutes: Minutes of April 10, 2007 was presented for approval. Kile moved to approve April minutes. Voiles seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Reports: Mathews reported there has been vandalism at the gazebo. They have kicked out eight spinals. He asked Board's permission to look into purchasing cameras for the area. He would also like to get cameras for the restrooms, the new handicapped equipment and the basketball courts. Parks Patrol group will be meeting tomorrow night. They helped curve a lot of the vandalism last year. Kile asked where Mathews will put the camera's so that vandals don't take them. Mathews stated he can come off the restaurant. Harmon suggested wireless motion camera's and suggested putting up signs saying park is videoed. Board gave Mathews permission to get prices on cameras.

Mathews then shared with the board he is going to get bids on painting the gazebo and will bring to next meeting.

Relay for Life is coming up.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Corn and Kile. Corn moved to approve claims for the month. Kile seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved.

Unfinished Business:

1). Anita Carfield – Pool Update – Sharpe read Carfields report in her absence.

It is with regret that I was informed of Jean Kopf's decision to resign as Co-Manager of the pool. We have worked together so well, and I am already missing her as I prepare to get things ready for the opening of May 28th. I certainly wish her well and hope that she will visit us this summer.

We had three applicants for the position of Assistant Manager. Each applicant was well qualified and would have been an asset to the assistant manager position; however, the most qualified applicant and the one that I would like to recommend to the board is Ryan Standish. Ryan is the swim coach for RCHS, a former lifeguard, a CPR and lifeguard instructor, as well as a teacher at the high school. Ryan has a lot of good ideas and qualifications that will help our guards become even more proficient at guarding as well as instructing swim lessons. I have worked with Ryan as an assistant swim coach this past swim season for RCHS and have found Ryan to be an organized and knowledgeable individual about swimming. Ryan is easy to get along with as well as assertive when needed. Being a former competition swimmer himself, Ryan will be able to help our guards in many areas. I hope that you will agree with my recommendation.

The pool officially opens on Monday, May 28 at 12:00. During fair week, June 24 – June 30, the pool will remain open until 6:00 P.M. In the past we have closed at 4:00, but we have decided to remain open until 6:00 due to daylight savings time.

Pool Opens – Monday, May 28th at noon

Pool hours will be the same as last year:

Sunday – 1:00 – 6:00

Monday - - Saturday – 12:00 – 6:00

Fair Week – June 24-June 30 – Pool will **NOT** close early

Raymond Gibson Day, free admission day, Sunday, July 22.

Pool closes – Sunday, August 12 – 6:00 P.M.

Evening Swim Lessons – June 4-8; June 11-15

Morning Swim Lessons – July 9-13; July 16-20

To schedule pool parties or lessons, please call Waggener Community Pool at 932-7100 and leave your name and an evening phone number.

2. Discuss Windows at Booker T. – Sharpe reported that she had contacted five window companies and received two quotes back.

1. Stock Building Supply – Total Quote \$9,779.40

2. Cole Windows – Total quote \$8,167.00 for double hung windows or (Option #1)

Total Quote \$5,432.00 custom built windows (Option #2)

Corn asked several questions concerning the windows. Mr. Cole shared with the board that Option #1 is for Marvin windows, pine interior, pine exterior. Warranty 20 years on frame and 10 years on glass.

Option #2 is custom built windows that are a better quality wood with a lifetime warranty on frame and 10 year warranty on glass.

Corn moved to approve Option #2 at \$5,432.00. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

Harmon stated he would like to see the pertinent details of the windows and the warranty in writing. Cole agreed.

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Mathews asked Cole if he could salvage the glass and repair the front window that is broken. Cole stated yes.

New Business:

1. Theresa Hutslar – T-Ball Lease Agreement – Ms. Hutslar questioned the \$500.00 maintenance fee on their Lease Agreement. She thought it was a one time thing and shared with the board that T-Ball doesn't have the funds to pay the maintenance fee.
Ruby Welter, Asst. shared with the board that last year the foundation gave them \$5,000 and they did all their major work to their diamond last year.
Shuppert said that showing \$5,000 in receipts goes a long way. He feels the T-Ball is in good standings and as long as they have the records that the improvements have been made there is no problem.
2. Discuss Swim Lesson Fee – Clerk-Treasurer Ann Copley was present asking that the swim lessons be raised next year to \$12.00 to offset pool maintenance. As of now the price is \$10.00 for a half hour swim lesson and feels that we need to charge an additional \$2.00. Copley shared with the board she is not trying to be difficult.
Shuppert asked how much money we are talking about as he feels we are providing these lessons as a service.
After further discussion, Harmon moved to raise the swim lessons from \$10.00 to \$12.00 with \$2.00 going to the City. Corn seconded.
Roll call vote taken. Corn, Voiles and Harmon voted for the \$2.00 increase.
Shuppert and Kile were opposed.
Motion passed 3-2.
Copley thanked the board for their consideration.
3. Request from Family Health Services – Sharpe stated that Karla Kuhn is requesting to use the Amphitheater on August 18th for a Family Health Services Breast Fest. This is a community Outreach Program for breast cancer awareness. They are wanting to know if the Parks Board will donate the use of the Amphitheater as their funds are very limited as a community health center so they rely greatly on the help of the Community as far as donations.
Voiles said she is not opposed to letting them use the facility but if we do for one we have to do for all.
After further discussion, the board decided we can't do this.
4. Hire Assistant Manager for Swimming Pool – Sharpe reported for Carfield that we had three applicants for the position of assistant manager. Each applicant was well-qualified and would have been an asset to the assistant manager position; however, by far the most qualified and experienced applicant and the one that I would like to recommend to the board is Ryan Standish. Ryan is the swim coach for RCHS, a former lifeguard, a CPR and lifeguard instructor, as well as a teacher at the high school. Ryan has a lot of good ideas and qualifications that will help our guards become even more proficient at guarding as well as instructing swim lessons. I was the assistant swim coach this past swim season for RCHS and having worked with Ryan in this capacity have found him to be an organized and knowledgeable individual about swimming. Ryan is easy to get along with as well as assertive when needed. He conducts himself professionally and has been a great asset to the RCHS swim team. Being a former competition swimmer himself, Ryan will be able to help our guards in many areas. I hope that you will agree with my recommendation.
I have discussed with Danny the restructuring of the pool management. We have agreed to one manager and 2 assistants. After the initial opening and training, either I or one of the assistants will work at a time. I plan to pop in on occasion when it is not my week to work just to check on things and make sure everything is running smooth as well as to communicate with the assistants. When we work at different times, communications is the key to making sure that things run smoothly. We have found in the past that it is not necessary to have two adults at the pool all day long. There is not enough to keep two individuals busy all the time. I feel confident that any one of the three of us can handle situations that may arise. We also plan to have an adult available for all pool parties. The three of us will rotate that position.
Kile moved to hire Ryan Standish. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.
5. Hire Laborers for Parks Department – Mathews asked permission to hire Zach Binder and Nick Sherwood back from last year. These are returning employees, school kids that will be out of school May 24th.
Kile moved to hire Zach Binder and Nick Sherwood as returning employees with a start date of May 29th. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.
6. Discuss Grant from RCCF for carpet at Old Park Office – Mathews shared with the board that the Rush County Community Foundation awarded the Parks department with a grant for \$370 towards carpet for the old park office. Mathews stated the total cost for the carpet is \$485 and he will pay the balance out of his pocket if necessary. He feels this old park office is a public service and that nothing is turned on in the building until it is rented out.
Kile moved to take the remainder of the money for the carpet from building repairs. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

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Items Not Known In Advance:

Harmon questioned the soda machines still at the park office. It was his understanding that they were ordered to be taken away two months ago.

Mathews shared with the board that the coke machine will be moved to the pool soon. And the 7-up machine is unplugged and is empty and the company has never come and picked it up. The attorney has been sending them letters for two years now to get that taken away so he considers it ours now.

The other coke machine is plugged in and the Parks department gets \$120 a year off of it. He uses that money for flowers for funerals.

He asked the boards permission to keep that machine in place.

Board said they were ok with that.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

DAVID HASECUSTER, PRESIDENT

JACK HARMON, VICE PRESIDENT

DENNY CORN, MEMBER

WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

JAN VOILES, MEMBER

TIM SHUPPERT, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY